respect, from the State Governments during the year 2004-05, funds to the tune of Rs. 724.68 lakh have been sanctioned for Punjab and Rs. 1077.94 lakh for Chhattisgarh for development and promotion of tourism there.

(c) No, Sir. There is no such scheme under consideration.

(d) Does not arise.

Cultural Tourism

3525. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to make India as a Cultural Tourism destination, with a view to earn revenue;

(b) if so, whether necessary infrastructure will be made therefor; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) to (c) Ministry of Tourism is aware that India is a Cultural Tourism destination and has taken several steps to boost the development of Tourist infrastructure at such places through its scheme of Product/Infrastructure Development of Tourist Circuits and Destinations. Ministry of Tourism, in coordination with Ministry of Culture, also takes steps on a continuous basis, to enhance the quality and presentation of the area in and around the Monuments/Cultural/World Heritage sites/destinations in the country.

Special Tourism Sector in U.P.

†3526. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal regarding special tourism sector in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government on this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) No, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Development of International Standard Garden in Karnataka

3527. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sent some proposals for development of international standard garden at Linganamakki Dam, Shimoga District; for providing Sound & Light show at Golgumbaz, Bijapur, development Siddarabetta Hill ranges inTumkur District; construction of tourist hostel at Indian Heritage Academy, Bangalore, promotion of endogenous tourism project at Sagar, District Shimoga, and Karkala in Dakshin Kannada District, and certain large revenue generating schemes at Gadag, Soundatti (Belgaum), Mysore, Hapi (Hospet), including Bandipur Tiger Reserve; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the present status of each proposal/ project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Identification of tourist places/spots is a continuous process. Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with the State Governments identifies such places of tourist interest and based on project proposals from the States offers financial assistance for development of their infrastructure.

However, the project proposals received complete in all respects, are processed on *inter-se*-priority basis and funds released, subject to availability under the respective heads. During the year 2004-05 projects worth Rs. 24.39 crore were sanctioned for Karnataka State. This included the project proposal for Bandipur Tiger Reserve for central financial assistance of Rs. 195.70 lakhs. No other project proposal mentioned in the question was complete as per guidelines and hence were not considered.

Execution and implementation of the project proposals sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, is the responsibility of the State Government concerned.